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Private Lawrence C. Huber, Hq. & S Company, 103rd Engineer Battalion (C), A. P. O. 28, Camp Livingston, Louisiana, writes Harold Dhom of near Newton: "Sure was nice of you to drop me a card. At least I know somebody back home thinks of me even if I'm only one of the many privates in this 'man's army."

"As you know I'm in the headquarters and service company of the engineers. It's a nice outfit to be in so all the old fellows say but right now it's inclined to be a little on the tough side, as we are taking basic training with a line company and what I mean they have a sergeant who's a drip."

"We learn how to use T. N. T., nitro starch and dynamite. Of course, it's dangerous but I must say its very interesting. Then we also have bridge building and tank barriers, and that brings me right back to sawing logs and trees."

"Yesterday we went out and built an awfully nice bridge and then today we go out load her up with T. N. T. and blow it sky high. All that hard work done for nothing but experience in doing things, but even if we learn how to do all those things after a couple weeks now, we go back to our own company and then all we have to do is to keep the other lines supplied with tools so that's going to be a snap."

"I saw Dean German when I was at Camp Grant; just ran into him by accident, but I don't know where he is now. I'm getting his address from a girl in Shelbyville in the near future."

How does Herndon like the army by now and where is he? Heard "Tub" is still around up there. Can't quite understand how he manages to stay out. I sure think he's lucky, but come to think about it, it musn't be so nice now with the gas rationing and all."

"I am quite sure this outfit is cooking up to do something but of course nobody can say for sure. Furloughs are something everybody thinks about down here but darn few of us will ever get them for some time to come, so I'm not building up for a let down."

Scott K. Ross, 20, a son of City Clerk and Mrs. Charles K. Ross of Newton, has been advanced to the rating of aviation machinist's mate second class at the Naval Air Training center, Pensacola, Florida, according to the public relations office of that station.

Scott enlisted in the Navy at the recruiting station in Effingham in February, 1941, and was sent to the Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, for preliminary training.

Upon reporting to Pensacola, the "Annapolis of the Air," in April, 1941, he entered Aviation Machinist's Mate school, and upon completion of the course, was assigned to duty with a ground crew of one of the Navy's flying squadrons.

Scott is one of the many men in the Navy today who have voluntarily joined their country's fighting forces to serve wherever they may be needed. At the same time they are learning established trades that will be profitable when they return to civil life. Among the 49 different courses which the Navy offers to its enlisted men are aerial gunnery and photography, aviation radio, and aviation mechanics.

Mrs. Daisy Mulvaney of Terre Haute, widow of Dore Mulvaney of Newton, who was killed in action in the first World war while serving in France with Company B, 130th Infantry, writes that her son, Joe Cummins, is now at San Diego, California. He enlisted in the United States Navy last June and has completed schooling at Great Lakes and Lawrence, Kansas, and is now a fireman second class. He has gained twenty pounds since entering the service. His address is Joseph C. Cummins, Detail Two, Destroyer Base, N. B., San Diego, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Grover Weck of Newton have received word that their son, Private Clarence E. Weck, has been transferred from Camp Robinson, Arkansas, to Camp Carson, Colorado. He says that it is cold there. His address is Private Clarence E. Weck, Company L, 354th Infantry, APO 89, Camp Carson, Colorado. Another son, Private Grover Eugene Weck, is in Fort Lewis, Washington. His address is Private Grover E. Weck, Battery C, 210th Field Artillery battalion, APO 33, Fort Lewis, Washington. They would like to correspond with friends at Newton.

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Sergeant Ira A. Crouse left Tuesday evening for Pine Camp, New York, after spending a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Crouse of Sainte Marie, and other relatives and friends. Ira is enjoying the best of health and says he likes the Army fine. He will celebrate his twenty-sixth birthday, December 21, and will appreciate a card from his friends. His address is Sergeant Ira A. Crouse, Company E, Second battalion, 128th Ordnance M. S. & E. regiment, Pine Camp, New York.

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Private John Hauk, who is in training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, writes that he is entering his fifth week of training and says he is busy every minute it seems, but says he is o. k. and likes it fine. His address is Private John Hauk, Company B, 12th battalion, Ind. PN, A. F. R. T. C., Fort Knox, Kentucky. How about sending John a few Christmas greetings, from the old home town?

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Private John Williamson, former manager of the Loda Poultry Company at Newton, wrote V. L. Reep of Newton last week from North Africa that he had been in the fighting, but the censor had removed a sheet of his letter and he didn't get to say where. His address is Company F, Sixteenth Infantry, APO 1, New York, N. Y.

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Sergeant Winfred D. Shook has returned to Columbia Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina, following a visit with his mother, Mrs. Levi Lansberry of Yale. He is a bombardier and recently made the first direct hit on a hut ten feet square from a height of five thousand feet ever made at the air base.

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Paul Rubsam, Camp Young, Indio, California, and Lawrence Rubsam, Fort Bliss, Texas, where they are in the United States Army, are spending furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rubsam of Newton.

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Gordon Omer Warfel, a son of Omer Warfel, Route Four, Newton, has enlisted in the United States Navy, as a V5 flying cadet. He is to report to St. Louis, the early part of this week.

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Victor Harry Dhom was sworn into the United States Navy at St. Louis, Saturday. He will report at St. Louis again on Thursday morning, to be sent to a Naval Training station.

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Aviation Cadet William L. Mineo, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mineo of Newton, was one of a huge class of cadets who completed an intensive pre-flight school course at the San Antonio Aviation Cadet center, and left for primary flying schools to become combat aircrew pilots, last week.

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Private Eldon Wakefield is here on a furlough from Camp Livingston, Louisiana, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wakefield of Newton.

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Private Wilmer Ochs has returned to Camp Young, Indio, California, following a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ochs of near Newton.

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Private Henry Burcham returns to Camp Livingston, Louisiana, Wednesday after a fourteen day furlough at home.

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V. Floyd Jones of Newton is now at Wayne, Pennsylvania, where he is an aviation cadet.

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Send the boys in service a Christmas card. It helps a lot.